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Development of Lakes for Tourism Activities
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of lakes have been facing superciliousness and need urgent development/renovation;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bundelkhand;
(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop/renovate the lakes/ponds/reservoirs as tourist place; and
(d) the funds sanctioned in this regards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): For development of tourism infrastructure in the countlry, the Ministry of Tourism has launched two schemes in 2014-15 viz. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive.

Under the schemes, shoreline development & Rejuvenation of natural water bodies such as rivers, lakes, streams, river fronts are admissible components.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects for Development of Ramayana Circuit, Development of Heritage Circuit and Development of Spiritual Circuit in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The sites of Bundelkhand region covered in these circuits are Chitrakoot, Mahoba and Banda. The details of amount sanctioned for development of these sites are as under:
<pre> (Rs.in Crore)
Sr. No. Sites Amount sanctioned
1 Chitrakoot 43.12
2 Mahoba 6.76
3 Banda 8.20
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In Mahoba, financial assistance has been provided for development of Madan Sagar and Kirat Sagar lakes. The sanctioned components for development in Mahoba includes works related to development of open air theatre, watch towers, entrance gates, drinking water kiosks, boundary wall, pathways, toilet blocks, gazebo, solar lights, landscaping, benches, signages etc.

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